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SUBJECT: UAE TECHNICAL TEAM IN YEMEN

1. ACCORDING TO FONMIN AL-ASNAG, SHEIKH ZAYID OF THE UAE HAS SENT A TEAM OF BRITISH CONSULTANTS TO YEMEN TO UNDERTAKE STUDIES FOR NEW ASSISTANCE PROJECTS INCLUDING PAVING OF THE ROAD BETWEEN SANAA AND MARIB AS WELL AS CONSTRUCTION OF A TOURIST HOTEL IN THE LATTER CITY. AL-ASNAG ADDED THAT THE YEMENI GOVERNMENT IS ALSO HOPING TO INTEREST SHEIKH ZAYID IN A PROJECT TO DEVELOP SALIF ON THE RED SEA AS YEMEN'S NEW PORT.

2. COMMENT: SHEIKH ZAYID APPARENTLY HAS LONG BEEN INTERESTED IN MARIB AND PARTICULARLY IN ITS FAMOUS ANCIENT DAM WHICH HE WANTS TO RE-BUILD BOTH TO IMPROVE YEMEN'S TOURIST INDUSTRY AS WELL AS TO ADD LUSTRE TO HIS OWN NAME.
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